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*Plague situation at Osaka.*KOBE, JAPAN, *May 2, 1900.*

SIR: Since my letter of April 23 *re* plague in Osaka 4 more cases of plague have occurred there, viz:

Number of case.	Date of occurrence.	Died.	Age.	Locality.
Fourth	Apr. 21	17	Nimami Sanbrodo Nishiku.
Fifth.....	Apr. 21	Apr. 27	22	Kujo Banjoi Nishiku.
Sixth.....	Apr. 26	(a)	Minatomachi Nishiku.
Seventh	Apr. 25	Apr. 25	(b)	Sanbancho Nishiku.
<i>a</i> Man.		<i>b</i> Woman.		

In connection with the reported concealment of cases in February, etc., Mr. Takahashi, chief of the sanitary department, Osaka, says preventive measures have always been taken in any suspicious case of disease since the first outbreak of plague in Osaka.

The authorities did not report every suspicious case undergoing analytical examination or other process, but they had been enforcing every possible preventive measure, such as isolation and the general cleaning of the locality until the nature of the case could be established.

There was no genuine case of plague till this month, after it had become extinct early in the year.

Examinations were held on the bodies of persons supposed to have died of plague, pneumonia, and 12 other diseases which presented symptoms similar to plague, since the first outbreak of plague, and 334 cases out of 1,826 were analytically examined, of which 49 cases proved to be genuine plague. Forty-two cases of these were those reported in the first period of infection, and the remaining 7 those reported after the present renewal last month.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Plague at Osaka—Dysentery reappearing epidemically.*YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *May 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to advise you that, since my report of the 25th ultimo, 3 more cases of plague have occurred in Osaka, making, to the best of my information, a total of 9 cases since the outbreak of the disease April 8, all fatal.

The type of the malady seems to be, on the whole, though exceedingly fatal, less malignant than that of last winter's epidemic in the same city.

Dysentery is, as usual, reappearing epidemically with the warm weather, but, as yet, with little severity. I regret to be unable to present any statistics of this disease at present.

Respectfully,

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